

These comments were expressed orally by me to As. Hyde of the Bureau of the Budget on 5 Nov.

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Reference is made to your memorandum to me dated 16 September 1953, subject: S.J.Res. 96, 83rd Congress. This Resolution seeks to strengthen the foreign relations of the United States by establishing a Commission on International Telecommunications. The comments contained herein are for the Bureau's ^{of the Budget's} guidance only, as the actual creation of such a Commission is a policy matter outside of the scope of this Agency. Nevertheless, we feel that we ~~might well~~ ^{should} inform you as to our views in this matter.

We are entirely in agreement with the comments proposed by the Air Force with regard to the provisions of Section 10(a) and 10(c) (formerly Section 10(b)), and feel that these provisions ~~might~~ ^{could} be utilized to attempt to require extensive disclosure of highly classified matters ^{to the Commission, which we feel CIA} which ~~it is felt we~~ ^{could} should not be called upon to disclose ^{being giving} ~~outside of the Executive Branch.~~

As you know, the National Security Council and the Assistant Director for Telecommunications in the Office of Defense Mobilization have ~~given~~ ^{been giving} considerable attention to Soviet capabilities in

the field of electronics and telecommunications activities, and the entire subject is being concentrated at the highest levels in the Executive Branch of the Government. It might therefore be most unfortunate if it was attempted to remove these deliberations to a Commission which is not of the Administration's own seeking, and would place ^{CIA and others} ~~this Agency~~ ^{difficult} in a most ~~embarrassing~~ position regarding the disclosure of highly classified information.

As indicated above, ^{while} this Agency does not feel that it can take direct action to oppose S.J.Res. 96, ~~but~~ nevertheless, ~~we feel~~ from the standpoint of security, ^{in our opinion} ~~that~~ it would not be to the best interests of the Government ^{to establish} ~~that~~ this Commission, ~~be established~~.